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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : KAZUNNARI NAKAO, ET AL. EXAMINER : STOCKTON, LAURA

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FOR : "ARYL OR HETEROARYL FUSED IMIDAZOLE COMPOUNDS AS
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AND ANALGESIC AGENTS"

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

JUNE 20, 2003

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Dated February 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.

A petition for two months extension of time is also requested.